

RFAC # 3657-28

25 AUG 1978

OLC #78-5341

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Providing Unclassified Publication to Congress

1. Action Requested: That you approve the distribution to all Members of Congress of a recent NFAC publication that lists all CIA publications released to the public through the DOCEX system of the Library of Congress.

2. Background: In April you approved a pilot program to distribute unclassified publications to the ninety members of our oversight committees in the House and Senate. This program appears to be working well. Manpower and resource constraints have made it impossible for us to provide this service to all Members. We have recently compiled a listing, however, of all CIA publications released to the public through the Library of Congress DOCEX system. (Attachment 1) I believe this publication (and its annual updates) would be useful to all Members.

3. Staff Position: This proposal has been coordinated with the Office of the Legislative Counsel and the Public Affairs Office. The Legislative Counsel suggests that another way to handle distribution could be through the Select Committees in the House and Senate. In the past, they have appreciated the opportunity to provide documents to Members themselves rather than having you do so directly. If you select this method of distribution, OLC will contact the committees and make the necessary arrangements. Otherwise, the Congressional Support Staff in NFAC will prepare the letters to each Member.

4. Recommendation: That you approve the distribution of the referenced publication to all Members of Congress and indicate whether you prefer to do so directly or explore doing it via the two Select Committees.



Robert R. Bowie

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Option A: Direct Distribution

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

Option ~~B~~: Distribution via Select Committees

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Director of Central Intelligence

Date

DISAPPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date

Distribution:

Orig - Addressee

1 - DDCI

1 - ER

1 - D/PAO

1 - OLC

1 - D/NFAC

1 - DD/NFAC

1 - AD-M/NFAC

1 - AD-S/NFAC

1 - DD/OCR

1 - C/PPG

1 - CSS/NFAC

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Honorable _____

Dear Senator (or Mr.):

The CIA publishes unclassified reports on a wide variety of topics. Normally, these publications are distributed to individuals and to institutions that subscribe through the DOCEX project of the Library of Congress. We have recently compiled a comprehensive listing of such documents made available from 1972 through 1977, and we plan to update this list annually.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding this listing to you in the hope that it might be useful to you and to your constituents. I would suggest that any requests for publications in this listing be directed to the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress.

I personally place a great deal of importance on making unclassified Agency reports available to the public. We all recognize the vital necessity of maintaining the security of classified information. However, it is my hope that by putting as much unclassified information as possible into the public domain, we will be better able to protect the information that must remain secret.

I hope that you will find this publication useful.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER